

Kindly replace pages 45, lines 13 to 24 by the following:

"5'-TACATGTCGACTTCCTGCCA/GGGCTGCGGG-3' (SEQ ID

NO:24) and

5'-TACAATCTAGATTATCAGCGGCCGCACCTCCCACACACAGACAT-3' (SEQ ID NO:25). The 3'-primer was synthesized with a NotI site just upstream from the stop codon allowing ligation of a NotI cassette containing either three copies of the HA-tag or the GFP sequence. The resulting fragment was cloned in Bluescript following digestion with SalI and XbaI. The KpnI/XbaI fragment was then subcloned in the pCDNA3/RSV vector (Jockers et al., 1996) and a NotI-cassette was introduced at the NotI site. For the TBD/GFP fusion protein, the TBD was PCR-amplified with oligonucleotides on each side of this region (SEQ ID NO:26 5'-TACATAAGCTTAAGCCACCATGGTCAAAGTTCC-CCAGGCGC-3') and (SEQ ID NO:27 5'- TACAATC-TAGAGCGGCCGCGCTCAGAGGGTCTAGTGCAG-G-3')."

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

4. (Thrice amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a polynucleotide sequence at least 95% identical to a sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) a nucleotide sequence encoding a Staufen polypeptide comprising amino acids from 1 to 577 of SEQ ID NO:2;
- (b) a nucleotide sequence encoding a Staufen polypeptide comprising the sequence of amino acids of SEQ ID NO:4;
- (c) a nucleotide sequence encoding a Staufen polypeptide comprising amino acids from 2 to 577 of SEQ ID NO:2;
- (d) a nucleotide sequence encoding a Staufen polypeptide comprising amino acids from 2 to 496 of SEQ ID NO:4;
- (e) a nucleotide sequence encoding a Staufen polypeptide comprising the sequence of amino acids of SEQ ID NO:8;
- (f) a nucleotide sequence encoding a Staufen polypeptide comprising amino acids from 2 to 487 of SEQ ID NO:8;
- (g) a nucleotide sequence encoding a Staufen polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:10;

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(h) a nucleotide sequence encoding a Staufen polypeptide comprising a nucleotide sequence complementary to any of the nucleotide sequences in (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) or (g); and

i) a sequence which hybridizes under high stringency conditions to the sequence in (h).

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5. A recombinant vector comprising said isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 4.

6. A method of making a recombinant host cell comprising introducing the recombinant vector of claim 5 into a host cell.

7. A recombinant host cell produced by the method of claim 6.

8. (Amended) A recombinant method for producing Staufen polypeptide, comprising culturing said host cell of claim 7 under conditions such that said polypeptide is expressed and recovering said Staufen polypeptide.

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24. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a polynucleotide sequence which encodes a Staufen polypeptide, said polynucleotide sequence being identical to a sequence selected from the group consisting of:

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(a) SEQ ID NO:5;  
(b) SEQ ID NO:3;  
(c) SEQ ID NO:1;  
(d) SEQ ID NO:6;  
(e) SEQ ID NO:7;  
(f) a nucleotide sequence complementary to any of the nucleotide sequences in (a), (b), (c), (d), or (e); and  
(g) a sequence which hybridizes under high stringency conditions to the sequence in (f).

25. (Twice Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a polynucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a nucleotide sequence encoding a Staufen polypeptide comprising the sequence of amino acids of SEQ ID NO:4;

(b) a nucleotide sequence encoding a Staufen polypeptide comprising the sequence of amino acids of SEQ ID NO:2;

(c) a nucleotide sequence encoding a Staufen polypeptide comprising amino acids 2 to 577 of SEQ ID NO:2; and

(d) a nucleotide sequence encoding a Staufen polypeptide and conservative substitutions of the polypeptides encoded by any of the sequences in (a), (b) or (c).

26. A recombinant vector comprising said isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 24.

27. A method of making a recombinant host cell comprising introducing the recombinant vector of claim 26 into a host cell.

28. A recombinant host cell produced by the method of claim 27.

29. A recombinant method for producing Staufen polypeptide, comprising culturing said host cell of claim 28 under conditions such that said polypeptide is expressed and recovering said Staufen polypeptide.